

Miscellaneous Items.

Gold coins are in circulation twice as long as copper ones.

Most of the phosphorus used in the world is produced from bones.

Pins have been made for 420 years, but needles have been used for 10 centuries.

Only one out of every thousand married couples live to celebrate their golden weddings.

Texas recently bought 7,000 acres to be used as a convict farm, where cotton and sugarcane will be grown.

Some one has figured out that no fewer than 40,000,000 love letters are annually dispatched and received in this country.

The smallest man who ever lived was the dwarf Bebe, born in France in 1749. He was just 20 inches high and eight pounds in weight when full grown.

The bank checks passing through the clearing houses in London and New York in one month would exceed the value of all the gold and silver coin in the world.

A hunting party in Florida recently killed 700 alligators, and the Jacksonville Metropolis calls for a game law to protect this attractive saurian, which affords the northern tourist so much enjoyment.

To enable high explosives to be used as the bursting charge in explosive shells the material is frozen and surrounded with wet gun cotton, and is thawed by the heat of impact of the projectile or by a time or percussion fuse.

Prior to 1859 Virginia was the greatest tobacco producing state, the annual yield being 122,000,000 pounds. The present yield of Virginia is approximately only 50,000,000 pounds per annum. Succeeding the civil war, Kentucky took first place in tobacco, and holds it with an annual yield of upward of 225,000,000 pounds.

A Little Nonsense.

"Was there much damage to the library by fire?" "Well, all the rare books are well done now."—Yonkers Statesman.

Ella—"I wouldn't marry the best man that ever lived." Stella—"Of course not; I'm engaged to him myself."—Tit-Bits.

Uncle Hiram—"They say the sun never sets on the British empire." Aunt Hannah—"Doesn't it, now? And we have such magnificent sunsets over here!"—Puck.

He—"Do you know, when you walk you move just like a poem?" She (blushing)—"Ah, do you really think so?" He—"Yes; one foot always right after the other."—Cleveland Leader.

Clashing Interests—"Alas!" said she, "that our interest should lie in different spheres!" None the less, it was too true. He was a baseball crank, and she loved golf.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

What Else Could He Think?—Mr. Pitt—"What do you think of the new flour-mill trust?" Mr. Penn—"What do I think of the flour-mill trust? It is a grinding monopoly of course."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25c. for sale by B. & O. Wood.

Missouri.

The last report of the Secretary of State of Missouri gives, among others, the following facts:

"Missouri is the fifth state out of forty-five in the American Union in population, which, according to the last census, was 2,676,184. The population is now estimated to be 3,250,000. It is the eighth state in assessed valuation, only the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, California, Michigan and Indiana being greater. It is doubtful whether the real value of property in Michigan or Indiana surpasses the real value of property in Missouri, and it will be noticed that the assessed valuation of the great state of Illinois is less than that of Missouri.

"Missouri in area has 69,415 square miles, or over 44,000,000 acres. It is larger than any state east of or bordering upon the Mississippi, except the state of Minnesota. The states of Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Delaware could be put down side by side within its limits, and still leave a margin of 900 square miles.

"Missouri is the third state in the Union in the number of its farms and the third state in the number of acres of improved land, having over 17,000,000 acres under cultivation, or a larger acreage for the harvest than is possessed by the states of Michigan and Minnesota combined, or the states of Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Minnesota and Rhode Island. Missouri raises more corn than Indiana and Maryland.

"It produces as much wheat as the state of New York, Kentucky and Texas combined. Missouri ships nearly 50,000,000 pounds of poultry every year, not being equaled in this by any state in the Union. It is the fourth state in the number of horses, and leads every state in the Union in the number of mules, producing last year 636,808 horses and 351,599 mules.

"It produces annually 4,040,084 pounds of wool. Its yield of hay surpasses that of Kentucky, Tennessee and New Jersey, and its tobacco crop is in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 pounds. Its southern counties raise an excellent quality of cotton. All the cereals, all the grasses, all the fruits and timbers of the latitude flourish in abundance and grow to maximum dimensions.

"It is capable of sustaining in comfort ten times as many people as are now within its borders. From its cotton fields in the south, its corn fields in the north, its splendid cereals and grasses, its endless variety of fruits and woods, its limitless deposits of coal, iron, lead, zinc and other minerals, it comes as near being self-sustaining and independent of other communities as it is possible for any state to be. Missouri has over 14,000 business manufacturers, with a paid-up capital of \$189,558,546, with 143,139 employees, making finished goods of all kinds amounting to \$223,561,933 annually.

"Missouri has 6,590 miles of railroad and several navigable rivers. Its railroads have the highest order of equipment, and passenger and freight service unsurpassed anywhere in the world, the frequency, the speed, the elegance and perfection of its trains being the admiration

of the traveling public. Upon its rivers are to be found steamboat and barge lines capable of doing at low cost an immense freight business.

"Missouri enjoys the proud distinction of having the largest available public school fund of any state in the American Union. This fund is divided as follows: Common school fund, \$3,141,538.77; state seminary fund, \$1,229,200.05; permanent county, township and district school fund, \$7,912,002.39; total permanent school fund, \$12,280,740.21.—The Corn Belt.

The English have started a movement to erect a monument in honor of Geo. Washington, in Westminster Abbey. The Washingtons were an old English family.

Holiday Rates Via M. K. & T. Ry.

On Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31st 1898 and January 1st 1899, the M. K. & T. will sell round trip tickets to all stations within 200 miles at one fare for round trip, maximum for 50 cents tickets, good for return until January 4th 1899. Arrange for your Holiday vacation with friends and take the popular M. K. & T. and enjoy comforts with your vacation and pleasure.

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Burlington Xmas.

The Burlington R. R. will sell tickets for the Xmas holidays for one and one-third fare for the round trip, within a radius of 200 miles. Tickets will be on sale Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1898 and Jan. 1, and 2, 1899, limited to return up to and including Jan. 4, 1899.

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